(d) Not favourable according to the latest price list furnished by Messrs. Dada & Co.

(e) As there is no indication of the period for which the information is required it is not possible to furnish the information.

(f) The following figures are furnished according to

M. E.	Rs. A. P.
1100	29,000—0—0
1101	33,799—8—6
1102	55,020—2—1
1103	83,854—0—0

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know which is the Standing Order by which these records have been destroyed ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—These papers may be destroyed after three years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Which is the Standing Order which says when and how ?

President.—When can you destroy these records ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—After three years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I must search for it. If I have not time I shall put the full questions again, or I shall put these questions if there is time when the other questions are finished.

170. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) the last year on which the Medical Department took supplies from Messrs. Ferris & Co. Ltd.;

(b) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table the complete list of that year's supply of medicines and instruments, etc., ordered from Messrs. Ferris & Co. Ltd., together with their invoices and a statement of the costs incurred therefor in the shape of payments to Pierce Leslie & Co. Ltd., and others with reference to that supply;

(c) will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a complete list of the medicines and instruments supplied to the Medical Department by Messrs. Dada & Co., since the contract for the supply of medicines and instruments has been given to them together with the list of prices charged and freight and other incidental expenses incurred by the Department on account of the same supplies ;

(d) will the Government be further pleased to place on the Table the invoices for the supplies of medicines and instruments, etc., for the last year's supply by Ferris & Co., referred to in question No. (b) and the invoices of Dada & Co., referred to in

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question No. (c) above, sent by the Chief Medical Officer to the Comptroller of Accounts out of the triplicates supplied by Messrs. Ferris & Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Dada & Co., as vouchers;

(e) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has called for reports or opinions from any of the subordinates regarding the supplies of medicines to the institutions under them since the contract was given to Messrs. Dada & Co., for supplies;

(f) will the Government be pleased to call for and peruse and place them, if unobjectionable, on the Table ofthe House;

(g) will the Government be pleased to inform whether the Civil Surgeon of Trichur has reported on the cost of the medicines supplied to the Trichur Hospital under his charge;

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to call for that report and peruse and place it on the Table of the House?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) 1099.

(b) The list and invoices in the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer's Office have been destroyed under the provisions of the Standing Orders. The available bills and invoices collected from the Comptroller's Office are placed on the Council Table.

(c) Vide answer to (b) of question No. 169. The bills and invoices for the respective years are also placed on the Council Table.

(d) Vide answers to (b) and (c).

(e) No report or opinion was called for.

(f) No answer necessary in view of answer to (e).

(g) and (h). No such report has been made.

171. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether before the last Budget Session Mr. S. Koder had sent in a tender for the supply of medicines to the Medical Department and if so, whether the same was scrutinised by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to see how it compared with the prices that were charged by Messrs. Dada and Company;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state by name or by office the person in the Medical Department who has been checking the prices of medicines charged by Messrs. Dada & Co., during the last three years in the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer;

(3) whether the relative English and Continental price lists were made available to that officer for comparing the prices charged by Dada and Co., with the European prices;

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